

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN CAROLYN SQUIRES**, on January 12, 2007
at 2:00 P.M., in Room 335 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Carolyn Squires, Chairman (D)
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)
Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D)
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)
Sen. Jim Shockley (R)
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Carol Andersen, Committee Secretary
Dave Bohyer, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:	SB 71, 1/10/2007; SB 82, 1/10/2007;
	SB 80, 1/10/2007; SB 70, 1/10/2007;
	SB 72, 1/10/2007
Executive Action:	SB 72, SB 82, SB 70

HEARING ON SB 71

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:14 **SEN. KELLY GEBHARDT (R), SD 23**, opened the hearing on **SB 71**, Revise bill sponsor notification for administrative rules.

Proponents: None.

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:02:09 Roxanne Minnehan, Montana Public Employees Retirement Administration (MPERA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:04:04 Sen. Joe Balyeat to Sen. Gebhardt

00:05:13 Sen. Balyeat to Dave Bohyer, Research Director, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:06:24 Sen. Dave Lewis to Scott Miller, Attorney, Montana Public Employees Retirement Administration (MPERA)

00:07:49 Sen. Carolyn Squires to Mr. Bohyer, LSD

00:08:15 Sen. Squires to Sen. Jeff Essmann

00:11:17 Sen. Squires to Mr. Bohyer, LSD

Closing by Sponsor:

00:13:47 Sen. Gebhardt

HEARING ON SB 82

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:15:09 **SEN. JOHN BRUEGGEMAN (R), SD 6**, opened the hearing on **SB 82**, Revise authority to adopt rules for legislative computer technology.

Proponents: None.

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:16:32 Sen. Brueggeman

HEARING ON SB 80

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:16:46 **SEN. LANE LARSON (D), SD 22**, opened the hearing on **SB 80**, Identification of ballot issue signature gatherers.

Proponents:

00:18:08 Daniel Watson, Rosebud County Commissioner

Opponents:

00:19:26 Linda Gryczan, League of Women Voters of Montana

00:20:30 Linda Andrews, Montana Common Cause

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:21:52 Sen. Balyeat to Sen. Larson

00:25:18 Sen. Jim Shockley to Sen. Larson

Closing by Sponsor:

00:25:40 Sen. Larson

HEARING ON SB 70

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:27:09 **SEN. JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA (D), SD 13**, opened the hearing on **SB 70**, Revise membership of state emergency response commission.

Proponents:

00:28:03 Dan McGowan, Administrator, Montana Disaster &
Emergency Services Division, Department of Military
Affairs (DMA)

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Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:32:17 Greg VanHorssen, State Farm Insurance Company

Discussion:

00:33:56 Sen. Gebhardt, SD 23

00:35:38 Sen. Shockley to Sen. Tropila

00:36:11 Sen Balyeat to Sen. Tropila

00:36:32 Sen. Balyeat to Mr. McGowan, DMA

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:37:24 Sen. Tropila

HEARING ON SB 72

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:38:04 **SEN. CAROLYN SQUIRES (D), SD 48**, opened the hearing on
SB 72, Require Senate confirmation of PERB nominations.

Proponents: None.

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:41:49 Scott Miller, Attorney, Montana Public Employees
Retirement Administration (MPERA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:42:14 Sen. Essmann to Sen. Squires

00:44:00 Sen Balyeat to Sen. Steve Gallus

Closing by Sponsor:

00:44:43 Sen. Squires

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 72

00:46:01 **Motion:** SEN. COCCHIARELLA moved that SB 72 DO PASS.

Discussion:

00:48:56 Roxanne Minnehan, MPERA

00:49:27 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 82

00:50:25 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. LEWIS moved that SB 82 DO PASS.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 70

00:51:42 **Motion:** SEN. TROPILA moved that SB 70 DO PASS.

Discussion:

00:52:26 Sen Squires to Mr. McGowan, DMA

00:57:29 Sen. Laible to Mr. McGowan, DMA

00:58:21 Roger McGlenn, Independent Insurance Agents of
Montana (IIAM)

00:59:40 Sen. Shockley to Sen. Squires

01:00:31 Sen. Squires to Mr. McGlenn, IIAM

01:04:16 Sen. Squires to Mr. McGowan, DMA

01:05:26 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. LAIBLE moved to amend SB 70 with a CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT. Motion carried on a 6-4 voice vote. SEN. JENT, SEN. LASLOVICH, SEN. GALLUS, and SEN. SQUIRES voted no.

Discussion:

01:08:43 Sen. Gallus to Sen Squires

01:11:38 Sen. Balyeat

ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY ON SB 80 BY SEN. LANE LARSON (D), SD 22

Proponents:

01:14:37 Becky Stockton

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01:20:39 Trevis Butcher

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Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Discussion:

01:22:10 Sen. Balyeat

01:22:19 Sen. Shockley to Mr. Bohyer, LSD

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

SEN. CAROLYN SQUIRES, Chairman

LOIS O'CONNOR, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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